



CO State Senators Launch Clean Energy Caucus

Colorado state senators Bryan Sullivant (R-Breckenridge), John Evans (R-Parker), Ed Perlmutter (D-Golden), and Stan Matsunaka (D-Loveland), along with state representatives Scott McKay (R-Jefferson County), John Witwer (R-Evergreen), and Stephanie Takis (D-Aurora) recently launched the Colorado Renewables and Energy Efficiency Caucus.

The caucus will inform members about new developments in renewable and energy efficient technologies and will advocate specific legislation or policies. In a letter circulated by the legislators, all Colorado legislators were invited to join the caucus.

"Colorado has one of the best renewable energy resource bases in the nation, and this new caucus will help highlight the growing importance of renewables and energy efficiency to our state," said McStain Enterprises' Kristin Shewfelt.

State senator Pat Pascoe (D-Denver) and state representatives Lola Spradley (R-Beulah), Bill Kaufman (R- Loveland), Paul Zimmerman (D-Thornton), and Suzanne Williams (D-Aurora) have all become members of the group since it began earlier this month. The caucus was launched with many of the same goals as the U.S. House Renewable Energy Caucus, launched in 1996 by former congressman Dan Schaefer (R-CO).

"The market potential for these new energy technologies is enormous," said Denver-based Financial Energy Management, Inc. president Jim Crossman. "Many companies in the energy efficiency and renewables industry are experiencing double digit annual growth rates."

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